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Research Memorandum

IRM-16, May 14, 1964

To : The Secretary
 Through : S/S
 From : IIR - Thomas L. Hughes

Subject : Indian Nuclear Weapons Development

With the recent Indian announcement of the start-up of their plutonium separation plant at Trombay, attention again is focused on Indian capabilities to manufacture nuclear weapons and, equally, on their intentions. This subject was discussed in IIR's Intelligence Note of 24 February 1964. The present memorandum, designed to supplement the earlier IN, grows out of a recent review of the evidence currently available to us.

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Discussion

Early this year the Indian director of project Rhodan, the plutonium separation plant at Trombay, stated that the plant would begin actual separation operations in May.

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